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1. South Vietnam

Antigovernment activity tailed off again today as leaders of the contending factions take stock of where they stand now.

Premier Ky believes he has a mission to run the country until the promised elections can be held and a new government installed. This seems to have been the consensus at the political conference just concluded; moderate Buddhists in Saigon seem satisfied for the moment.

The more militant crowd, which revolves around veteran agitator Tri Quang, is reserving its position and could still opt for a new wave of demonstrations.

The northern provinces, too, are still largely outside government control. The struggle forces in Da Nang have set up their own "peoples' police force" which is making arrests on its own authority and frequently mistreating prisoners. Ousted General Thi's contribution today was his first public call for Ky's overthrow.

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3. Indonesia

The new regime appears to be deliberately pushing relations with Peking to the breaking point. Police and military units on the scene made no attempt to halt today's sacking of the Chinese Communist Embassy.

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the new rulers have bluntly informed Sukarno that military confrontation of Malaysia cannot continue because of the army's desperate supply problem. Later, Foreign Minister Malik flatly said he would seek a negotiated settlement with Malaysia. Sukarno finally accepted these tidings, although with bad grace.

4. Algeria

Despite the relative coolness between Algiers and Moscow since the overthrow of Ben Bella--who had been decorated as a Hero of the Soviet Union--the Soviet military aid program continues.

This week the Soviets made a first delivery of all-weather jet fighters [redacted] 50X1

5. Belgium

The month-old coalition government, trying to balance the budget without increasing taxes, is cutting back aid to the Congo. [redacted] 50X1

6. Iraq

The country remains calm. [redacted]
[redacted] The cabinet and National Defense Council, however, must meet within a few days after Arif's funeral--set for Saturday--to elect a new president. Old rivalries will make this difficult.

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Nasir is undoubtedly most anxious to influence the outcome and may find means to support the significant pro-Nasirist element in Iraq. [redacted]
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7. Dominican Republic

The various Communist parties and other assorted groups have plans for demonstrations in Santo Domingo during the rest of April. The climax could come on 24 April, the anniversary of last year's revolution. Tension is again building in the city after the relative calm of recent weeks.

Anti-US demonstrations by left-wing students yesterday caused only minor disturbances.

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9. Rhodesia

Smith may go on the radio tomorrow and order closure of the UK High Commission in Salisbury, presumably as retaliation for London's UN Security Council action. 50X1



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